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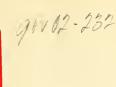
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February 4, 1969

Mrs. Ann Wolpert Librarian Boston Redevelopment Authority 18 Cornhill Street Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Dear Mrs. Wolpert:

Enclosed is the paper I mentioned. Although the data should be cited as preliminary, I think the numbers are probably the best estimates available.

Let me know if I can be of further help.

Sincerely

Floyd J. Fowler Assistant Director



## INTRODUCTION

In 1965 and 1966, 1335 interviews were taken with a probability crosssection sample of persons 65 years or older in the Boston Standard Statistical Area (SMSA). Taken together, these Interviews enable us to describe the total aged population in Greater Boston.

Support for the data collection came from the Gerontological Division of the U.S. Public Health Service. Analysis of the data was jointly supported by the Administration on Aging (AcA) and by the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston. The Research Department, under the direction of Donald Dobbin, of the United Community Services gave us access to their data on the total adult population of Boston for comparative purposes.

The total study was focussed on the needs of the aged, their use of available services, and their reasons for non-use. This is an excerpt from the final report to AoA, "Need and Utilization of Services Among the Aged of Greater Boston," prepared by Floyd J. Fowler, Jr. and Mary Ellen McCalla presently with the Joint Center for Urban Studies of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University.

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